Revenue Forest.

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Subject No. 13.

Authority in District Forest Matters.

(1) Messrs. Adivappa, Venkatagiriappa, Puttappa, Sagar Taluk.
(2) Messrs. C. Vamana Rao, N. Subba Rao, M. Subbanna, Nagar Taluk.
(3) Messrs. B. Rangarajiah, N. Kallegowda, U. Kalasegowda and M. Eregowda, Mudgere Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—(1) The power of issuing licenses for timber in District Forests rests with the Revenue Department. It is stated in the licenses that cart load means as much as a pair of bullocks are able to draw. But the Forest authorities take a different view and say that a cart load means only 20 cubic feet of timber.

The holders of licenses, chiefly raiyats, cannot exactly cut timber as required by the Forest authorities being ignorant of measurement, etc., and are frequently subjected to fines levied by the Forest Department.

The Revenue authorities alone may be allowed to exercise jurisdiction regarding District Forests.

(2) The system of checking licenses for timber granted by the Amildar in the District Forests both by the Revenue Department and the Forest Department is a source of annoyance to raiyats, and may be modified.

(3) When free passes have been obtained from Amildars for removing timber required for building purposes, the logs cannot be removed without the P. T. marks sealed on them by the Forest Department and there is much delay in getting this done. The Revenue authorities may be given the power with the seal and if this is not possible the time may be reduced from three to one month to save the existing inconvenience and trouble.

Note.—Mover absent.

Subject No. 14.

Extension of period for getting building materials at concession rates in malnad.

Mr. Nadig Bhishtayya of Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The concession granted to malnad raiyats of felling and removing timber required for building purposes at half rates may be continued as many villagers did not avail themselves of this concession in ignorance of the privilege..

Note.—Mover absent.

Subject No. 15.

Encouragement to the growing of Sandal.

(1) Messrs. Volhatti Devappa, Gundlupet Taluk, Venkatasamiah, Venkatasubbiah and Virattappa, Chamrajnagar Taluk.
(2) Messrs. Suryanaranappa and Hanume Gowda, Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Summary of representation.—(1) To meet the increasing demand for sandal wood in the State, special encouragement should be given for the growth and preservation of sandal trees.

(2) Government may be pleased to recognise the claim of the Jodidars to one-half the value of each sandal trees, growing on Jodi and Sarvamanya lands with the view that the Jodidars may take interest in the up-keep of the trees.